

State feedback for overdetermined 2D systems: Pole placement for bundle maps over an algebraic curve.

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Here is the plan of my lecture:

1. Pole placement - classical case
2. The definition of operator vessels
3. Transfer functions of operator vessels
4. The discriminant curve of a vessel
5. Meromorphic bundle maps
6. State feedback and the pole placement problem
7. The solution
8. Conclusions

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Assuming this PDE holds, and, again, assuming no input, one may check that

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Given a vessel \mathcal{B} and an isomorphism of the state space $N : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$, we may perform state space isomorphism on \mathcal{B} , and obtain a new vessel $\mathcal{B}^N =$

$$(N^{-1}A_1N, N^{-1}A_2N, N^{-1}\tilde{B}, CN, D, \tilde{D}, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \gamma, \sigma_{1*}, \sigma_{2*}, \gamma_*; \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{E}_*, \tilde{\mathcal{E}}, \tilde{\mathcal{E}}_*)$$

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Hence, assuming $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) \notin Spec(A_1, A_2)$, we may choose ξ_1, ξ_2 such that $\xi_1(\lambda_1 I - A_1) + \xi_2(\lambda_2 I - A_2)$ is invertible, so that

$$x_0 = (\xi_1(\lambda_1 I - A_1) + \xi_2(\lambda_2 I - A_2))^{-1} \widetilde{B}(\xi_1 \sigma_1 + \xi_2 \sigma_2)u_0.$$

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This implies that

$y_0 = (D + C(\xi_1(\lambda_1 I - A_1) + \xi_2(\lambda_2 I - A_2)))^{-1} \tilde{B}(\xi_1 \sigma_1 + \xi_2 \sigma_2) u_0$. Hence, the transfer function of a vessel \mathcal{B} is given by

$$S_{\mathcal{B}}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) = D + C(\xi_1(\lambda_1 I - A_1) + \xi_2(\lambda_2 I - A_2))^{-1} \tilde{B}(\xi_1 \sigma_1 + \xi_2 \sigma_2)$$

Note that for a u_0 with u admissible input signal, this is independent of ξ_1, ξ_2 .

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Furthermore, our construction of the transfer function, shows that $S_{\mathcal{B}}$ is actually a bundle map. In summary, we have:

Theorem 4.5. *For a vessel \mathcal{B} , the transfer function $S_{\mathcal{B}} : E_{in} \rightarrow E_{out}$ is a meromorphic bundle map, with $\mathbf{poles}(S_{\mathcal{B}}) \subseteq \mathbf{Spec}(A_1, A_2)$.*

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In the matrix case over sub-bundles of a trivial bundle (which is really what we have in mind), such a theory of divisors has been developed extensively in the book "Interpolation of rational matrix functions" by Ball, Gohberg and Rodman.

Using the local theory presented in the book of Ball, Gohberg and Rodman one may show that

Theorem 5.1. *Given a minimal vessel*

$$\mathcal{B} = (A_1, A_2, \tilde{B}, C, D, \tilde{D}, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \gamma, \sigma_{1*}, \sigma_{2*}, \gamma_*; \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{E}_*, \tilde{\mathcal{E}}, \tilde{\mathcal{E}}_*)$$

its left pole data is determined up to state space similarity by the triple (A_1, A_2, \tilde{B}) .

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where S is the transfer function of the open loop vessel, and R is the transfer function of a vessel $\mathcal{B}_F^{\text{Controller}}$ whose construction will be explained in the sequel.

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Theorem 7.1. (*Ball-Vinnikov*): *Given any meromorphic bundle map $S : E_{\text{in}} \rightarrow E_{\text{out}}$ such that S acts as the identity operator at all points of C at infinity. Then there exist a unique (up to state space isomorphism) minimal vessel \mathcal{B} with the same determinantal representations and with $D = \tilde{D} = I$ such that $S_{\mathcal{B}} = S$.*

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$$S_{\mathcal{B}_F^{\text{Closed loop}}} = S_{\mathcal{B}} \circ (S_{\mathcal{B}_F^{\text{Controller}}})^{-1}$$

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Theorem 7.4. *Let \mathcal{B} be a minimal vessel. Given a left pole data D on the discriminant curve C , there exist an admissible feedback F such that $\text{left poles}(\mathcal{B}_F^{\text{Closed loop}}) = D$ if and only if there is a meromorphic bundle map $T : E_{in} \rightarrow E_{out}$ with the same left zero data as the left zero data of $S_{\mathcal{B}}$ and with the same behavior at all points at infinity as $S_{\mathcal{B}}$.*

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One direction of the theorem is almost immediate. If such an F is given, by calculating the inverse system of the closed loop system, one sees immediately that both the open loop and the closed loop transfer functions share the same left zero data, and the same behavior at infinity.

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Using the Ball-Vinnikov realization theorem, we may construct a vessel \mathcal{V} with $S_{\mathcal{V}} = R$. Then, since \mathcal{B} and \mathcal{V} share the same pole data, it follows that (up to state space isomorphism which does not affect pole placement), they share the same (A_1, A_2, \tilde{B}) . It follows that $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{B}_F^{\text{Controller}}$ for $F = -C_{\mathcal{V}}$, and thus, $T = S_{\mathcal{B}_F^{\text{Closed loop}}}$, which completes the proof. \square

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Example 8.2. Suppose \mathcal{B} is a vessel, such that the discriminant curve C is a smooth curve of genus 0. Let $m = \deg C$. One has $m = 1$ or $m = 2$. Suppose $m = 1$. Then C is actually a line. Hence, C intersects the line at infinity at precisely one point. In this case, the interpolation problem of finding a rational function which is 1 at infinity, having prescribed zeros and poles may always be solved, so we can place poles one the curve arbitrarily. This is not surprising, as vessels with $m = 0$ are the same as classical linear systems, so our theorem is indeed a generalization of the classical pole placement.

Genus 0 case

Example 8.3. Suppose now $g = 0$ and $m = 2$. In this case, C is a conic, and it intersects the line at infinity at 2 distinct points. In this case, one can always place exactly $n - 1$ poles, the last pole is then determined from the other $n - 1$.

General conclusions

Recall that $L(D) = \{f \in K(C) : (f) + D \geq 0\}$, and that $l(D) = \dim L(D)$. Let $P = \text{Spec}(A_1, A_2)$.

Corollary 8.4. *Let $l = l(P - D_\infty)$. If $l = 0$ then no poles could be placed. If $l \geq 1$, then generically, one may place exactly l poles. Moreover, generically, once the l poles were chosen, the rest $n - l$ poles of the system are determined uniquely.*

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Corollary 8.5. *Let $m = \deg C$, $n = \dim \mathcal{H}$. If $n < m$, no poles could be placed. If $n - m > 2g - 2$, then $l = n - m + 1 - g$, so that $n - m + 1 - g$ poles could be placed generically.*

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The case where $n = 3$ is a special case. In this case, the possibility of placing a single pole depends on the points of p . The theory of special divisors on elliptic curves then shows:

Theorem 8.7. *If $g = 1$ and $n = 3$, then $l > 0$ (so that one can place poles) if and only if for $p = p_1 + p_2 + p_3$, the points p_1 , p_2 and p_3 lie on one line. (In terms of the group of points of the elliptic curve, this just means that $p_1 + p_2 + p_3 = 0$).*